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SUBJ: LOME II - CHEYSSON PRESS CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 16  
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1. CLAUDE CHEYSSON, EC COMMISSIONER WITH RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR DEVELOPMENT, BROADLY OUTLINED THE MEMORANDUM THE  
COMMISSION ADOPTED FEBRUARY 15 ON THE NEGOTIATION OF  
LOME II (SEPTEL) DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD  
FEBRUARY 16. CHEYSSON HIGHLIGHTED PORTIONS OF THE  
UNDISTRIBUTED CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT  
EXPERIENCE WITH THE LOME CONVENTION HAS BEEN VERY SHORT  
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TO DATE AND THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO PROPOSE FUNDAMENTAL  
CHANGES, THEREFORE THE MEMORANDUM LARGELY DESCRIBES AD-  
JUSTMENTS, ADDITIONS AND REARRANGEMENTS, BEING MORE A  
CONSOLIDATION AND FINE-TUNING OF THE LOME CONVENTION THAN  
A RENEGOTIATION, ACCORDING TO CHEYSSON. THE MEMORANDUM  
DOES NOT COVER AREAS IN WHICH THE EC EXPECTS TO RECEIVE  
REQUESTS FROM THE ACP COUNTRIES.

2. CHEYSSON DETAILED TWO AREAS INTO WHICH THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND THE SCOPE OF THE LOME CONVENTION. THE FIRST IS DEEP SEA FISHING. BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY HAS NOW ASSUMED COMPETENCE FOR EC FISHING, THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO DEFINE CERTAIN PRINCIPLES TO ENCOURAGE REGIONAL COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE CONSERVATION OF STOCKS. THE SECOND AREA IS HUMAN RIGHTS AND ITS LINK TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION (REF B). CHEYSSON ANNOUNCED THAT THE EC HAD MADE A MISTAKE IN LOME I BY NOT INDICATING MORE CLEARLY THAT ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND PROMOTION OF SOCIAL OBJECTIVES ARE FACETS OF ONE OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE--TO SERVE MANKIND. THEREFORE, THE GOALS OF LOME II MUST INCLUDE ENSURING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THE EXACT WORDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CONVENTION WILL BE DIFFICULT, CHEYSSON ACKNOWLEDGED. WHILE THE PROVISIONS MUST BE FLEXIBLE, IT IS INDISPENSIBLE AND FUNDAMENTAL THAT ANY VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BE DEALT WITH. CHEYSSON SAID THE EC IS LOOKING TO THE U.S. FOR IDEAS ON HOW TO HANDLE BILATERAL AID IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONTEXT. HE NOTED HE EXPECTS TO DISCUSS THIS IN WASHINGTON DURING HIS TRIP THERE NEXT WEEK.

3. CHEYSSON THEN DISCUSSED SOME OF THE MODIFICATIONS THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE LOME CONVENTION. REGARDING FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, HE SAID  
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THAT THE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (EDF) HAD BEEN MORE OR LESS SATISFACTORY. SOME FINE-TUNING IS NEEDED, WITH MORE FOCUS ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, CREATION OF MORE SUITABLE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES FOR REGIONAL PROJECTS, AN AUGMENTATION OF PROPORTION OF EDF FUNDS DEVOTED TO REGIONAL PROJECTS TO 10-15 PERCENT, INCREASED SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, AND TRIANGULAR (ARAB FUNDING) FINANCING. THE COMMISSION ALSO WILL PROPOSE THE BUDGETIZATION OF THE EDF.

4. TURNING TO TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, CHEYSSON NOTED THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE VALUE OF ACP EXPORTS HAVE INCREASED (14-16 PERCENT INCREASE IN 1976). HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN CERTAIN PROBLEMS INVOLVING LACK OF COORDINATION BETWEEN EC AND ACP COUNTRIES IN INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND INVESTMENT. THE FAILURE OF THE EC TO ADVISE ITS ACP PARTNERS REGARDING INVESTMENT IN SENSITIVE SECTORS (E.G. MOROCCAN INVESTMENT IN TEXTILES) MUST BE CORRECTED (REFTEL A). CHEYSSON BRIEFLY ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF FREE ACCESS OF ACP PRODUCTS TO EC MARKETS, SAYING THAT EC HAS BEEN GUILTY IN CERTAIN INSTANCES OF HYPOCRISY AND IRRESPONSIBILITY. IT HAD AGREED TO THE

PRINCIPLE OF FREE ACCESS, NOT BELIEVING THAT THE ACP MEMBERS COULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THEIR EXPORTS AND THAT THE EC HAD NOT, IN CERTAIN CASES, BEEN ABLE TO ABSORB THESE INCREASED EXPORTS. A SYSTEM OF PERMANENT AND OBLIGATORY CONSULTATIONS ON SENSITIVE SECTORS AND INVESTMENT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED, CHEYSSON NOTED. REGARDING STABEX, CHEYSSON SAID THE COMMISSION WOULD WAIT FOR THE ACP PROPOSALS. THE COMMISSION WANTS TO FIND SOME WAY TO ENSURE THAT COMPENSATORY FUNDING DOES INDEED GO TO THE AFFECTED SECTORS. ALSO, THE COMMISSION IS GIVING SOME THOUGHT TO THE LINKAGE OF WORKING CONDITIONS IN ACP COUNTRIES TO COMMERCIAL COOPERATION (REFTEL B), BUT THIS IS

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STILL IN THE VERY PRELIMINARY STAGES ACCORDING TO  
CHEYSSON.

5. CHEYSSON SAID HE THOUGHT THE NEGOTIATIONS ON LOME II  
WILL BE BOTH MORE AND LESS DIFFICULT THAN THOSE ON LOME I--  
EASIER BECAUSE ALL INVOLVED PARTIES HAVE A DEFINITE

INTEREST IN A NEW TREATY, MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE FOR THIS  
ROUND ACP'S HAVE A CLEARER IDEA OF WHAT THEY WANT AND  
ARE LIKELY TO BE MORE DEMANDING. ON TIMING, CHEYSSON  
HOPED THAT THE COUNCIL COULD APPROVE THE COMMISSION  
MEMORANDUM ON NEGOTIATING GUIDELINES PRIOR TO THE JULY  
EC-ACP MINISTERIAL WHICH PRECEDES THE OPENING OF SUB-  
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